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For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Currently amended) A method for providing selectable characters within a user interface comprising:
determining an operating mode of a communication device;
receiving an input associated with a selected ~~input~~ key;
determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and
displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a ~~the~~ user interface.

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2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
displaying a first character of the group of characters associated with the selected key within a first portion of the user interface;
displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and
highlighting the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, further comprising:

receiving a second input associated with the selected key;

highlighting the second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key in response to the second record input; and

displaying the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

horizontally displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a second portion of the user interface; and

centrally displaying a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of the user interface, the cursor displaying a first highlighted character displayed within the group of characters associated with the selected key.

5. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising segmenting the group of characters associated with the selected key displayed within the user interface.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

determining a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface; and

displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the determined display mode.

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7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a second input associated with the selected
input key;

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determining a time interval based on the second input;
and

calculating a time-out period using the time interval.

8. (Currently amended) A user interface for displaying selectable characters comprising:

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a first display portion operable to display a group of characters associated with a selected key in response to the selected key being selected ~~an input~~;

a second display portion operable to display one of the characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first display portion; and

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an input device operably coupled to the first display portion and the second display portion, the input device comprising a plurality of keys.

9. (Original) The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising at least one operating mode associated with providing the group of characters.

10. (Original) The user interface of Claim 8, wherein the user interface comprises a display mode operable to display the group of characters within the first and second display portions.

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11. (Currently amended) The user interface of Claim 10 [8], wherein the display mode comprises:

a horizontal display operable to display the group of characters within the first display portion; and

a cursor centrally displayed relative to the first display portion within the second display portion.

12. (Original) The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising an algorithm operable to determine a time-out period based on user interaction with the user interface.

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13. (Original) The user interface device of Claim 8, wherein the input device comprises a keypad having at least one key operably coupled to the group of characters based on an operating mode.

14. (Original) The user interface of Claim 8, further comprising selectable soft keys displayed within a portion of the user interface.

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15. (Currently amended) A communication device for providing a communication address comprising:

means for determining an operating mode of a communication device;

means for receiving an input associated with a selected ~~input~~ key;

means for determining a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and

means for displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a ~~the~~ user interface.

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16. (Currently amended) The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for displaying a first character of the group of characters associated with the selected key within a first portion of the user interface;

means for displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and

means for highlighting the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

17. (Currently amended) The communication device of Claim 16, further comprising:

means for receiving a second input to select a second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key;

means for highlighting the second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key; and

means for displaying the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

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18. (Currently amended) The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for horizontally displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within a second portion of the user interface; and

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means for centrally displaying a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of the user interface, the cursor displaying a first highlighted character displayed within the group of characters associated with the selected key.

19. (Currently amended) The communication device of Claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving a second input associated with selecting the selected input key;

means for determining a time interval based on the second input; and

means for calculating a time-out period in association with receiving the second input.

B 20. (Currently amended) A medium comprising encoded logic for displaying selectable characters operable to:
determine an operating mode of a communication device;
receive an input associated with a selected ~~input~~ key;
determine a group of characters associated with the selected key based on the operating mode; and
display the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface.

at 21. (Currently amended) The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:
display a first character of the group of characters associated with the selected key within a first portion of the user interface;
display the group of characters associated with the selected key proximal to the first character within a second portion of the user interface; and
highlight the first character displayed within the second portion of the user interface.

22. (Currently amended) The medium of Claim 21, further comprising logic operable to:
receive a second input to select a second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key;
highlight the second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key; and
display the second character within the first portion of the user interface.

23. (Currently amended) The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

horizontally display the group of characters associated with the selected key within a second portion of the user interface; and

centrally display a cursor relative to the second portion of the user interface within a first portion of the user interface, the cursor displaying a first highlighted character displayed within the group of characters associated with the selected key.

24. (Currently amended) The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a display mode associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key within the user interface; and

display the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the determined display mode.

25. (Currently amended) The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

receive a second input associated with the selected [input] key;

determine a time interval based on the second input; and
calculate a time-out period using the time interval.

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26. (Currently amended) The medium of Claim 20, further comprising logic operable to:

determine a time-out period associated with displaying the group of characters associated with the selected key;

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highlight a first character within the group of characters associated with the selected key based on the time period; and

highlight a second character within the group of characters associated with the selected key.